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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: MALTESE AMENDMENT

ACTION: USMISSION GENEVA FLASH 360

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FOR SHERER, CSCE, FROM SONNENFELDT

DEPARTMENT FOR HARTMAN

1. AS INDICATED IN TELECON EARLIER TODAY, GERMANS INFORMED US TODAY THAT FRENCH WERE SOFTENING IN THEIR OPPOSITION TO MALTESE AMENDMENT BECAUSE OF FEAR THEY MIGHT DAMAGE THEIR RELATIONS WITH THE ARABS WHO ARE PRAISING MINTOFF. AS A RESULT, GERMANS DECIDED THEY WOULD NOT USE THEIR OWN CAPITAL WITH MINTOFF AND WOULD NOT MAKE PREVIOUSLY ARRANGED PHONE CALL TO HIM. GERMANS ALSO INDICATED THAT NATO CAUCUS IN GENEVA WAS WORKING ON SOFTER VERSION OF MALTESE FORMULA, AND THAT FRENCH HAD INDICATED THEY WOULD TAKE THE LEAD IN THIS EFFORT. GERMANS ALSO INDICATED THAT AS SOON AS A SOFTER VERSION HAS BEEN AGREED UPON IN NATO CAUCUS ROMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD THEN CONTACT MINTOFF DIRECTLY TO URGE HIS SUPPORT FOR IT. GERMANS HAVE ALSO INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD THEREUPON MAKE THEIR OWN PHONE CALL TO MINTOFF.
2. SECRETARY AGREED WITH GENSCHEER THAT ABOVE PROCEDURE SHOULD BE FOLLOWED. YOU MAY JOIN EFFORTS TO FIND COMPROMISE FORMULA BUT SHOULD NOT TAKE LEAD. YOU MAY JOIN CONSENSUS. PLEASE STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH YOUR GERMAN COLLEAGUE AND KEEP US PROMPTLY INFORMED.
3. GERMANS ALSO CLAIM THAT TURKS HAVE SOFTENED THEIR OPPOSITION TO MALTESE FORMULA AND CAN BE EXPECTED TO JOIN COMPROMISE FORMULA.
4. SECRETARY WILL SPEAK ALONG ABOVE LINES WITH CALLAGHAN.

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